The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am afraid I cannot say what the Government Order will be. But I will say this: There is no question of expert advice in this matter. They are the heads of departments concerned and naturally the Government will attach weight to their recommendations; but the Government are not bound to accept their recommendations."

11-30 a.m. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are allowed to live anywhere they like, or are they to live in the official quarters ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" They will have to live as near the jail as possible."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" So that, Sir, does it not follow that they will have to pay higher rents, now that their choice is restricted ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Possibly, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" In that case, will not the hon. Member consider the necessity of compensating them ? "

The hon. the Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" As I have said before, the question is under the consideration of the Government."

Registration

Appointment of the Inspector-General of Registration.

* 399 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the principle on which the vacancy in the office of the Inspector-General of Registration has been filled ;

(*b*) whether among the applicants to the said post there were Deputy Collectors, senior in grade to the Deputy Collector who has been appointed to the office, and, if so, how many of them were Muslims and on what grounds their claims were overlooked ;

(*c*) what is the special qualification of the gentleman who has been appointed to the office of the Inspector-General of Registration ;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that no Mussalman has up till now been appointed to the office of the Inspector-General of Registration ;

(*e*) whether the communal Government Order is applicable to the office of the Inspector-General of Registration ; and

(*f*) whether the claims of the Muslims have been considered by the Government in filling up the vacancy ?

A.—(*a*) The appointment has been filled up in accordance with the Statutory Rules issued with Notification No. 235, Public, dated the 11th May 1928, published on page 793 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 22nd May 1928.

(*b*) Yes. No Muhammadan candidate applied for the post.

(*c*) Among the persons whose claims were considered for the post, the Government considered him to be the best.

(*d*) No Mussalman has been appointed permanently.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state why the post of the Inspector-General of Registration has invariably been given to an outsider instead of from among the senior men already in the department ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Of course, Sir, the claims of the men in the department have been considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether they have been condemned or found unfit to hold that post ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir; as I said before, the claims of the officers within the department have also been considered by the Government in the matter of making the present appointment."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know, Sir, why no Muslim has been appointed to this post ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" There is nothing to state that a Muhammadan should be appointed."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I enquire, Sir, whether there was any agitation from the Muslim community that their claims have been overlooked in this matter even as early as four or five years ago ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No agitation, Sir; I believe a memorandum was sent to the Government that the claims of the Muslim community should be considered in making this appointment."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask, Sir, why the memorandum was not considered ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" It was considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the policy of bringing outsiders to fill this post is demoralizing to the establishment, and whether the Government have considered the necessity of passing a rule that at least in future no outsiders should be appointed and that the appointment will be restricted to persons within the department ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Of course the claims of officers within the department have been considered and whenever such an appointment can be made within the department, it will be done."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, if there is any rule or convention that only persons from the Revenue Department should be appointed to the post ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" How, Sir, is a Deputy Collector qualified for Registration work ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Administrative experience, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Administrative experience as a Magistrate, Revenue Officer or what, Sir ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" General administrative experience, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Then, Sir, why was not an officer from the Public Works Department or Judicial Department appointed ?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" As I have stated before, it is only a question of general administrative experience, and the Government in this case have fully gone into this question before making this appointment, and based their choice thereon."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—" May I enquire whether any applications were invited for the post, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" No, Sir, but one or two had sent in their applications "

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether applications were invited by the Public Services Commission, before it was filled up ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" There was no necessity, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government wanted them to recommend a most efficient officer for this appointment ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know, why, Sir."

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" The Government had all the information they wanted."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether the prevailing political situation in the province contributed to the making of this appointment, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—' I could not quite catch that question. Will the hon. Member mind repeating it, Sir ? "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether the political situation in the City was to a large extent responsible for the appointment ? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan : —" Certainly not, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Is it not, Sir, that a large number of appointments are directly due to the political situation in this country ? " (Continued laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" No, Sir."

Fisheries

Supervision of fishermen co-operative societies on the West Coast.

* 400 Q.—Mr. A. B Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed any additional staff for the supervision of fishermen co-operative societies on the West Coast ;

(*b*) whether this staff is also required to supervise the schools conducted by the Fisheries department ; and

(*c*) whether the Inspectors of Fisheries continue to supervise the working of schools and co-operative societies ?